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In Reply

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Dear Medical/Surgical DAPA Holder:

On August 13, 2001 the DSCP sent a letter to all Distribution And Pricing Agreement (DAPA) holders of the medical/surgical products agreement between the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) and the Department of Defense (DoD). The letter stated that as of December 31, 2001, the DoD would be using the VA's Federal Supply Schedule contracts to establish price for medical/surgical items in the DAPA Management System (DMS). At that time, we asked all DAPA holders to continue to update the products on their DAPA as usual until we, at the DoD, updated the DMS to handle the necessary changes based on the VA and DoD agreement. We also asked all DAPA holders to work with the VA to establish FSS contracts for items were not on FSS contract.

The DMS has been updated. This new version will be in effect starting on November 12, 2001. We ask all DAPA holders to perform the following after November 12, 2001:

- Upgrade DAPA software to version 3.0
- Update DAPA point of contact information with an e-mail address
- Update product information as necessary

To upgrade the DAPA software to version 3.0 (latest version) each DAPA holder needs to log on to the DMS server, access the upgrade, and follow the upgrade procedure on the screen. Note: The procedure to upgrade the software has not changed with this new version; it works the same way as in the past. After the upgrade to version 3.0 of the DAPA software is complete, the DAPA holder will be able update the product information to address FSS items.

We request that DAPA holders update their point of contact information to include an e-mail address, if one exists. We will use e-mail address information for automating all mass mailing to the DAPA holders. E-mail automation will allow for a more efficient way of communication.

Each DAPA holder needs to review and update their product information in DMS to meet the VA/DoD agreement objectives. For this to occur, each DAPA holder needs to review the information that they have already submitted in DMS and determine which items are on an FSS contract and which items are not.

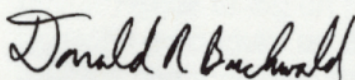
- **For items that are on an FSS contract**, the DAPA holder needs to click the "Price is equal to FSS" radio button. A drop-down box will appear for FSS Contract, FSS Schedule Number, and FSS Special Item Number. The DAPA holder needs to select the appropriate information from the drop-down boxes and continue reviewing information that they have already submitted.
- **Note:** Items that are on FSS and also have special pricing (tiered pricing) in DMS are subject to the 0.5% VA Industrial Funding Fee (IFF). DAPA holders are encouraged to leave the price the same for an item in DMS – effectively reducing the price to cover the IFF. If the lower-priced tier(s) is/are covered by a Regional Incentive Agreement (RIA) with any of the Tricare Regions, DAPA Holders must contact Helen Connor before any price increase is authorized for entry into the DMS, including the 0.5% cost of the IFF.

All items that are FSS items will need to be updated using the same method described above. An example screen from the application is provided for your convenience, (Encl 1).

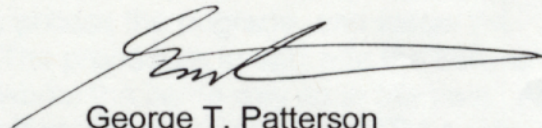
- **For items that are not on FSS contract**, the DAPA holder needs to click either "Price is the most favored customer price" or "Other" and continue reviewing information that they have already submitted – no change to the procedure.

If you have any questions, please contact your DAPA administrator at DSCP. You may also contact John Charalabidis at (215) 737-7124 or Linda Flatley at (215) 737-2665.

Sincerely,



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Sample DMS Screen for FSS item identification (Enclosure 1)

Distribution and Pricing Agreement

File Edit Reports Navigate Help

Item Information (M/S General) - Item # 1 of 1

Are you the manufacturer of the item? ☒ Yes ☐ No

Price Certification
☒ Price is equal to FSS ☐ Price is the most favored customer price. ☐ Other

FSS Contract: V797P-3357K FSS Schedule Number: 6511A FSS Special Item Number: A-1

Manufacturer Name: CIRCAID MEDICAL PRODUCTS
 NDC: Mfg Part #: 01300017
 UPN: Replaced UPN:
 Saleable? ☒ Yes ☐ No UPN Replacement Date: / /

Change Type
☐ New Item
☒ Change
☐ Delete
☐ No Activity

Item Description:
 FOOT-BAND

Unit of Sale: BOX Qty In Unit of Sale: 1 Unit of Packaging: BOX Qty in Unit of Packaging: 1 Unit of Measure: PIECE

Item Pricing Information

Trans Ind.	Unit Price	Effective Date	Expiration Date
CHANGE	7.00		

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DAPA Status: Change DAPA Type: M/S General

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